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COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up a Task Force to come out with a set of guidelines for large scale augmentation of the cold storage infrastructure for agriculture produce in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of constitution and terms of the Task Force; and

(d) the time by which the Task Force is likely to be submitted its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. However, the Cold Chain Summit, 2007 held on 20-21st March, 2007 at New Delhi, organized by Confederation of India Industry (CII) in association with Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has recommended to constitute a Task Force involving the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) etc. for large scale augmentation of Cold Chain Infrastructure in the country with the following mandate:

i) To develop the terms of reference for the Central and State nodal agencies to be constituted for policy execution and to ensure participation of crucial stake holders in developing cold chain in the country.

ii) To develop a road map with milestones.

iii) To detail investment dimensions and execution time frame.

iv) To continuously pursue the execution model.

The Task Force is expected to complete its work within a period of three months of its constitution.